

REMARKS

Claims 78, 80-91, 93-104, and 106-116 are pending, with claims 78, 91, and 104 being independent. Claims 78, 80-83, 90, 91, 93-96, 103, 104, 106-109, and 116 have been amended. Claims 79, 92, and 105 have been canceled.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Taghi T. Arani for the telephone interview conducted with the Applicant's representative, Babak Akhlaghi, on May 24, 2006. During the interview, the rejection of claim 78 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,393,464 ("Dieterman") in further view of U.S. Patent Number 6,112,227 ("Heiner") was discussed. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner Arani for indicating claim 78 would be allowable if Applicant amends claim 78 to include the subject matter of claim 79 and also to clarify that a "supervisory recipient" includes a "supervisory person."

Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 78 to include the subject matter of claim 79, and Applicant also has amended claim 78 to clarify that a "supervisory recipient" includes a "supervisory person." Specifically, amended claim 78 recites a method for monitoring electronic messages that are directed to an intended recipient. The method includes, among other features, "establishing a supervisory relationship between a supervisory person and an intended recipient, wherein establishing the supervisory relationship between the supervisory person and the intended recipient comprises associating an electronic message address of the supervisory person with an electronic message address of the intended recipient."

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claim 78 along with its dependent claims. Claims 91 and 104 have been amended to recite features similar to that of amended claim 78, in the context of a system and a computer readable medium, respectively. Thus, claims 91 and 104, along with their dependent claims, are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons described above with respect to claim 78.

Again, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner Arani for his kind attention regarding this matter.

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